



# OLMSTED COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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To the members of the Rochester City Council.

As the President of the Board of Directors of the Olmsted County Historical Society I am asking you to initiate an amendment to the Special historic district that governs land use on the History Center property. We have been using the Stoppel barn's east face to thank financial donors, sponsors and underwriters. It seems that specific wording needs to be written into the document to allow this to happen. Phil Wheeler has looked at the document and suggests item C under subdivision 5 as the way to accomplish this. The Board would appreciate it if you would initiate the amendment and forward it to Planning and Zoning for hearings. Thank you for your time and consideration.

## Subdivision 5. Signs

a) For the purposes of this Special District, signs related to the interpretation, re-enactment, or replication of historic activity are classified as works of art and are exempt from sign controls.

b) Banners and portable signs advertising special events shall meet the standards for such signs applying in the B-4 District.

c) One sign recognizing financial support of one or more donors may be installed on the face of an existing accessory building, provided the sign area does not exceed 400 square feet and provided that not more than 250 square feet of sign area is devoted to the name and advertising message, if any, of commercial donors. For the purposes of this Special District, such a sign is not an advertising sign and is not subject to location limitations applying along West Circle Drive to off-site advertising signs.

d) Signs not meeting these definitions shall be specified in the Master Plan, with information detailing the number, height, area, design, location, and placement of signs and with elevation drawings of each sign.

Marv Berreth

President of the Board  
Olmsted County Historical Society